

# **Vax Facts**

## **What the Multiple Vaccinations Contain and Other Information about Current Vaccinations**

We have all seen the names of combination vaccines and sometimes don't know or forget what each vaccine contains. Here is a quick reference to help you with sorting out what is in each specific group.

### **Combination Vaccinations**

(More than one vaccination in the serum)

**Combivax** -- Haemophilus influenza b, Hepatitis B

**Proquad** -- Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella vaccinations, booster now given at 4 to 6 years

**Pediarix** -- diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, and poliovirus

**PedvaxHIB** -- Haemophilus influenza b and Meningococcal

**Trihibit** -- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hib

### **Other Vaccine Information**

There is now a 3 injection Hib vaccine. If the vaccine is given at 2 and 4 months, the 6<sup>th</sup> injection is NOT needed. Also, due to a Hib shortage, the 4<sup>th</sup> Hib can be omitted with a provider's signed note confirming this with the immunization record.

MPSV4 is the abbreviation for the Meningococcal Vaccine.

Pneumococcal Vaccine is the PCV when given under 2 years, but is the PPV if given after the age 2.

### **Information about Vaccines which are not required but strongly recommended**

Rotavirus -- first dose should be given between 6 to 12 weeks of age, then at 4 and 6 months. Cannot be started after 32 weeks of age.

Flu (TIV, LAIV) -- when given for the first time, there are 2 injections for the infant, given apart, then given once a year. A nasal spray is available for children and adults. (LAIV is a live vaccine, and pregnant women should not have this vaccine.)

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